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SUBJECT: VILLAGE/ HAMLET ELECTIONS

REF: SAIGON 28285

1. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, VILLAGE AND HAMLET ELECTIONS ARE CONTINUING IN "PHASE TWO" WHICH BEGAN ON CONCLUSION OF "PAHSE ONE" IN JUNE AND WILL CONTINUE INDEFINITELY, WITH ELECTIONS BEING HELD AS SECURITY CONDITIONS AND ELMINISTRATIVE ARRAGNEMENTS PERMIT.

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2. AS OF AUGUST 20, SCA HAS INFORMED US THAT ELECTIONS HAVE BEEN HELD IN AN ADDITIONAL 53 VILLAGE AND 140 HAMLETS. THERE HAVE THUS BEEN VILLAGE PEOPLES COUNCILS' ELECTED IN 1037 VILLAGES AND ELECTIONF FOR HAMLET CHIEF AND

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DEPUTY HAMLET CHIEF HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED IN 4,616 HAMLETS.

3. WE INTEND TO GIVE APPROPRIATE PUBLICITY HERE TO THIS CONTINUING PROGRESS TOWARD THE EXPANSION OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AT THE LOCAL LEVEL.

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